



Work in Progress - Two Museums, one Future.

This is a rendering of a proposed re-design of the Farm exhibit hall a part of the collaboration project with North Platte Valley Museum. Work is under way at the committee level.

The board of Directors of the Farm and Ranch Museum and the North Platte Valley Historical Association have both voted to approve “**Legacy of the Plains**” as the legal name for the new museum.

Article and picture provided by the Farm and Ranch Museum Website
www.farmandranchmuseum.com Permission given by Jack Preston.

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New Director Started June 1st

As the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library welcomed new director, Abby Yellman, she agreed to answer some questions as an introduction to Friends and the community. Her responses are included here.

How do you wish to be addressed? Mrs. Yellman, Abbigail, Abby

Abby is perfectly fine. I want people I work with or whom I serve to feel comfortable.

Family: Husband – Seth Yellman (works for BNSF Railway)

Children: Two girls – Laura, age 6 and Madilyn age 3

Previous employment: (most recent first)

- library media specialist at North Kansas City Public Library/High School Media Center
- library media specialist at Northgate Middle School
- Children's Library Assistant at North Kansas City Public Library/High School Media Center
- Library Clerk I at Mid-Continent Public Library (Kansas City also)
- Assistant Secretary at Frederick Madison Smith Library at Graceland University - worked mainly with ordering, purchase orders, etc..

Education: (most recent first)

- Master of Arts in Library and Information Science & Technologies from University of Missouri - Columbia
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, Minor in Political Science and Secondary Education Certification from Graceland University in Lamoni, IA
- High School Diploma of Distinction - August Senior High School in Augusta, KS

What prompted your interest in the position at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library?

Scottsbluff was my hometown, along with Alliance, NE, until I was eleven years old. I have a lot of family ties in Scottsbluff and would make frequent visits every year. In addition to reading about the GREAT work being done by Ms. Russell and the Lied staff, I have always dreamed about coming back to my hometown and being an "official" part of my hometown community.

***New library director, Abby Yellman
with daughters, Madilyn and Laura.***



The Golden Sower Award 2011—2012

Primary Winner: Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library! By Vicki Myron and Bret Witter; Illustrated by Steve James

Primary Honor Books:

I Need My Monster, by Amanda Noll; Illustrated by Howard McWilliam

Help Me, Mr Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems, by Janet Stevens & Susan Crummel; Illustrated by Janet Stevens

Intermediate Winner: Closed for the Season, by Mary Downing Hahn

Intermediate Honor Books: Dying to Meet You. (Book One of 43 old Cemetery Road,) by Kath Klise; Illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

The Magic Thief, by Sarah Prineas

Young Adult Winner: The Compound, by Stephanie A. Bodeen

Young Adult Honor Books:

Graceling, by Kristin Cashore

The Juvie Three, by Gordon Korman

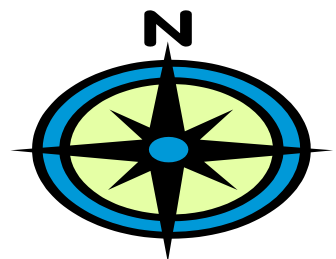
Winners selected by a record-breaking 70,923 readers across the great state of Nebraska!

NCompass Live

NCompass Live is the Nebraska Library Commission's weekly online event, hosted by Christa Burns, the NLC's Special Projects Librarian. NCompass Live covers a variety of library activities and topics presented by the NLC staff and guests. These **free** one-hour sessions are offered every Wednesday at 9:00am (MDT) and include a mixture of presentations, interviews, book reviews, web tours, mini training sessions, and Q & A sessions.

Suggestions for NCompass Live Sessions are welcome! Please contact Christa Burns if you would like to request a session on a topic, or if you would like to present a topic.

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/>



March 13, 2012
PLS Board Meeting Minutes
Railway Plaza
10:00 AM

I. President Floyd Smith III called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. Board members present were Floyd Smith III, Beth Trupp, Terry Christensen, Dixie Riley, Roberta Boyd, Sara Brennemann, Kendra Caskey, Sue Shaver and Merrillene Wood. Board members absent were Rick Caudillo. Also present were Debbie McCall and Jeri Clapper.

The agenda was set.

II. Review and approve the minutes from January 10, 2012.

Merrillene Wood said there was a correction to the minutes. Under Academic/Special it should be link not league. Motion to approve the revised minutes from January 10, 2012, were made by Beth Trupp and second by Sara Brenneman. The motion carried.

III. Reports

a. District Reports:

School (Terry): The Hemingford Elementary School, grades K-2 celebrated Dr. Suess week. They went to Alliance to see the movie "The Lorax" and celebrated with birthday cake. The Hemingford High School is working on projects and doing research. Terry is weeding at Alliance Elementary Schools. Allison is trying to purchase some recorded books, but as of now she is having trouble with customer service. Terry notified the Northern Panhandle Schools and libraries about the PLS Annual Meeting which is July 20, 2012, in Chadron as they are close to Chadron.

School (Rick): Absent; No Report Sent

Other District Reports: Merrillene Wood reported Sidney Public Library received their BTOP computers. Merrillene also said she is moving to Scottsbluff in July and will be working at the WNCC library in Scottsbluff.

b. Committee Reports

i. Annual Meeting (TC & Roberta) Roberta sent out an email in February to the Annual Meeting Committee but no one responded. Roberta didn't have a committee meeting. Roberta said she has the menu for the annual meeting and will decide what the meal will be. Terry said Sarah Polak will be the speaker at the annual meeting. Sarah's presentation will be about Sandoz The Teacher or Genealogical resources. The committee will decide which presentation Sarah will present.

ii. Nominating (Dixie & Sue) The nomination forms were mailed out on February 24, 2012, and are due back to the PLS office on April 2, 2012.

iii. Public Relations: (Beth & Rick) Beth brought her Author Tour note book to be housed at the PLS office.

July/August, 2012

- iv. Scholarship: (Merrillene & Kendra) Debbie will send out an email about the two \$100.00 scholarships available through June 30, 2012. Merrillene said PLS will give the retired PLS members a plaque/certificate for their retirement. Floyd said the committee should write a policy on retired PLS members. Debbie will also send out information about the awards for the Annual Meeting. Floyd wanted to know if we should change the budget amount for scholarships/awards. Merrillene didn't know if we need to change the budget. Merrillene thought \$100.00 should be enough.
- v. Technology (Sara & Floyd) Floyd said he hasn't worked on this for a while. Sara asked how much money was available for technology. She also asked if anyone else has any tech ideas or needs. Debbie said she received a letter from Intuit and they will no longer support Quick Books Pro 2009.
- c. Shared Automation Project Report: (Floyd Smith III) Floyd recently heard from a librarian in Iowa that pays a fee to freegal.com. Freegal.com allows their patrons to download hit songs once or twice a week. They pay a monthly fee. Floyd thought we should look into this. To get Overdrive the fee is \$500.00 with a sign-up fee of \$500.00 each year. Overdrive gives your patrons access to Nebraska Overdrive which is digital books. Floyd has had both positive and negative feedback concerning Overdrive. Kendra said the biggest complaint about Overdrive is there are never any books available and the hold lines are very long. Kendra said it's a wonderful service and our patrons love Overdrive. Beth asked if authors get any royalties from Overdrive. Kendra said yes. Kendra said Overdrive is the cheapest and best that we have right now. Floyd said as of today we have all the libraries that have agreed to participate in the consortium online. Floyd stated we have 12 public libraries, 3 special/academic libraries and 5 school media center libraries. There are 20,294 patrons who have access to 1,594,060 items. Many of the items in the collections have multiple copies. Floyd said all the grant money has been used. Sidney Public Library was the last library to join online and they are still using the software. Floyd will go to Sidney and install their slip printers. Floyd drove to Sutherland Public Library to talk to their board about the consortium.
- d. *PLS Coordinator Report: (Debbie & Jeri) Debbie reported the nominations are due back to the PLS office on April 2, 2012. Highlights are due back on April 30, 2012. The PLS Summer Reading program was held on February 22, 2012, at the Lied Scottsbluff Library with 34 people attending.*

The March/April, 2012 PLS Newsletter was emailed on February 27, 2012. PLS has a waiting list of people wanting to receive the One book One Nebraska. PLS had a mix-up with the Social Security withholding from payroll for the year 2011. Jeri received a check for \$254.06 and Debbie received a check for \$156.40. The PLS Summer Reading Program evaluations were reviewed. Debbie's vacation and sick leave were also reviewed.
- i. Financial & Budget reports: Floyd said a new budget was not completed, but a new budget will be available at the next board meeting May 8, 2012.

- e. Nebraska Library Commission Report: Rod Wagner: Rod Wagner was absent but he sent his NLC report to the PLS Board. The Nebraska Library Commission report was reviewed. At the SACHAL meeting last Friday, Merrillene said a survey of the library services and technology act was mailed. Kendra said a plan is in place for policy and procedures for accredited libraries and getting every library accredited in the state. Merrillene shared with the board of the surveys sent out to libraries across the state, they received 82% of the surveys back with the Panhandle having 100% of surveys returned. Christa Burns is our contact person at the commission during our transition period. Kendra said library advocacy day was in February in Lincoln. Kendra was the main speaker. There were over 300 people in attendance including many state senators. Kendra's speech was about the Big Hairy Goal. In the past, attendance levels have been low, but this year's attendance was very high.

IV. Old Business

- a. Policies and Procedures Update: Floyd and Beth met and discussed the changes to the PLS Policies and Procedures. Floyd will have the changes to the PLS Policies and Procedures at the next Board meeting.
Kendra would like the changes in red print. Floyd said the new policies will be sent to the members in a pdf file. Merrillene thought we need a policy for an interim director. Beth asked who would pay for the interim director. Floyd said he didn't know off hand. Terry said we should ask Rod Wagner. Kendra said if she called the commission, Christa Burns would answer Kendra's questions. Merrillene thought PLS needs someone here at the office to continue training and workshops. Floyd said we should put a contract together when we don't have a coordinator in the PLS office. Terry said we should wait and see what NLC has to say.

V. New Business

- a. PLS Office Lease: Floyd shared with the board the Railway Plaza building has been sold. Our one-year lease is due in June 2012. Floyd asked the board if they were to raise our rent what amount would we have for a ceiling. Kendra made a motion to set the rent up to \$745.00 a month. Merrillene second the motion. The motion carried. If our rent goes over \$745.00 each month, the PLS office will find a new location.

- VI. Upcoming Events / Announcements: Debbie said the Library Job a Like is March 27, 2012, at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library. Kendra said the PLST Spring Conference is on April 11, 2012, at Lied Scottsbluff Public Library. Merrillene mentioned the Snap Shot day.

- VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

The next PLS Board Meeting is May 8, 2012, at the Railway Plaza conference room at 10:00 AM.

Secretary,

Terry Christensen

Upcoming Events

July 20, 2012 PLS Annual Meeting at Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College, 1000 Main Street, Chadron. Cost \$10.00 **Please register by June 16, 2012. See flyer on page 11.**

October 17-19, 2012 NLA/NEMA Conference

Basic Skills Classes through December, 2012

September 11 and 12, 2012 Technology Planning Summer Camp: Don't Just Survive, Thrive! 2 Day Workshop. Funding for this event is being provided by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in conjunction with the BTOP grant. Location: Quality Inn, 201 Chuckwagon Road, Ogallala, NE. **No Charge**
9.5 CE Hours

Register at NLC Training & Events Calendar: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>

Grants for Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nlcblog/2012/04/18/imls-learning-labs-grant/>

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www.nebraskaccess.ne.gov

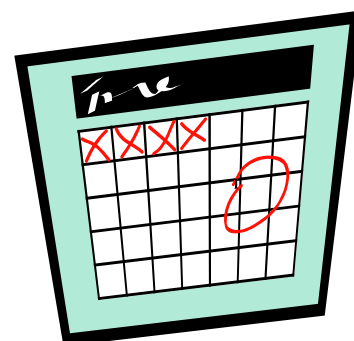
NLC Training and Events Calendar: <http://nlc.gov/calendar>

PLS List Serve: pls-l@nlc.state.ne.us

PLS Website: <http://libraries.ne.gov/pls>

Don't forget to sign up for the PLS Annual Meeting!
See flyer on page 11.

Mark your calendars!



BACK TO THE BASICS:



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TRI-CONFERENCE OCTOBER 17-19, 2012

THE 2012 TRI CONFERENCE OF
THE MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
THE NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION &
THE NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL MEDIA ASSOCIATION

LAVISTA CONFERENCE CENTER
LAVISTA, NE OCTOBER 17-19, 2012

Registration/Rates

Online Registration Form

[Online Registration Form](#)

Print Registration Form

[Print Registration Form \(.pdf\)](#)

Electronic Registration Discount

This year we will be offering a \$10 online registration discount for all Full and One-Day Conference

| | Early Registration (till July 1) Mail-In Registration | | | Late Registration (July 1-Sept 20) Mail-In Registration | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| | Member | Non-Member | Student | Member | Non-Member | Student |
| Full | \$100 | \$135 | \$40 | \$110 | \$150 | \$50 |
| Day | \$70 | \$110 | \$35 | \$85 | \$130 | \$45 |
| Vendor ONLY | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| E-Conference | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 |

** Only Available On Site

| | Early Registration (till July 1) With Online Registration Discount | | | Late Registration (July 1-Sept 20) With Online Registration Discount | | |
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| | Member | Non-Member | Student | Member | Non-Member | Student |
| Full | \$90 | \$125 | \$30 | \$100 | \$140 | \$40 |
| Day | \$60 | \$100 | \$25 | \$75 | \$120 | \$35 |
| Vendor ONLY | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| E-Conference | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 |

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| | Member | Non-Member | Student |
| Full | \$125 | \$170 | \$60 |
| Day | \$100 | \$150 | \$50 |
| Vendor ONLY | \$30 | \$40 | \$20 |
| E-Conference | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 |

Panhandle Library System Scholarship Application

The Panhandle Library System has established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the system. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities.

Provisions of the Scholarship include:

1. Each applicant must submit an application letter and form any time prior or two weeks after the event for which the scholarship is intended.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review each application and recommendations will be given to the Panhandle Library System Board for approval or denial.
3. Requests for scholarship can be for any amount but will not exceed \$300.00.
4. The Scholarship Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on the budget and number of applications during the fiscal year.
5. Scholarships will be evaluated on a first come first serve basis.
6. Priority will be given to those events within the state.
7. Individual applicants will be limited to requesting scholarships once in a three-year period.
8. Budget, event, amount requested, and the number of applicants will dictate approval or denial of the scholarship requests. More than one scholarship requests from the same library agency during a two-year period will need to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
9. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. Article is submitted to the Coordinator.

Scholarship Committee
Panhandle Library System
115 Railway Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Panhandle Library System Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Library/School/Agency: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____

Scholarship Activity: _____

Requested Amount \$ _____

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity.

2012 NLA/NEMA/MPLA Pre-Conference

RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska
children's book authors

Julia Cook

Ted Kooser

Preston McDaniels
& James Solheim

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
One Book, One School

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
The Teacher Who Became An Author
Jim Aylesworth

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Gifts of the Universe:
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*
Lisa Campbell Ernst

4:00 p.m.
Book Signing

REGISTRATION

\$40 if received by July 1
\$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20
\$50 after Sept. 20
(15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at
nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012

For more program details or to reserve books
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of the Nebraska Library Association.

Email info@readaloudnebraska.org
if you have any questions

PLS Annual Meeting



Friday, July 20, 2012

**Where—Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage
Center, Chadron State College, 1000 Main, Chadron**



**Please Join Us for Panhandle Library System's
Annual Meeting.**

9:00—9:30 Registration and coffee

9:30 PLS Annual Meeting

Speaker Sarah Polak, "The Hidden Mari Sandoz"

12:30-1:30 Lunch-Buffer-**Cost \$10.00**
 from "The Hen House"

1:30pm PLS Board Meeting

Please register by Monday, July 16, 2012 Make checks payable to Panhandle Library System and mail to 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361. You may also pay at the door.

Name (s): _____

Library/School: _____

Email/Ph _____

Please register by Monday, July 16, 2012 with the PLS office. Fax: 308-632-3978. Panhandle Library System, 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 dmccall@panhandlelibsys.org

Please register by Monday, July 16, 2012!

PLS Annual Meeting

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Counties Served:

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Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, Kimball,
Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux

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